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## JULY REVIEW



The winter wheat harvest was in full swing throughout most of the State in July. The spring wheat and barley harvest began as well. Stripe rust and strawbreaker footrot made their presence known in these crops, but were brought under control with little damage. The cherry and strawberry harvests were completed. The potato harvest began as did the carrot, peach, apricot, raspberry, blueberry, red onion, pea, and lentil harvests. Peas and lentils experienced pressure due to aphids and other pests.

Corn producers finished planting late in western Washington due to wet conditions in the earlier to mid part of the month. Timely rains were received during the early part of the month, but as the month progressed, dry conditions became prevalent. These conditions were prime for range fires in the central part of the state. The grass hay harvest was completed along with the first cutting of alfalfa. The second and third cutting of alfalfa was underway, as was the grass silage harvest. The pasture and rangeland, early in the month, was fair, but as the weather started to get warmer, the conditions started to get less favorable with drying and browning fields reported.

## DRY EDIBLE BEANS, ACREAGE PLANTED BY COMMERCIAL CLASS (1,000)

Commercial Class	Washington			Pacific Northwest 1/			United States		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
Dark Red Kidney	2/	2/	2/	0.9	1.1	0.9	64.2	66.9	68.4
Light Red Kidney	0.9	2.0	1.4	2.5	2.8	3.1	76.0	90.5	83.8
Small Red	8.0	8.0	2.2	21.1	27.6	9.4	32.1	42.6	19.4
Pinto	16.0	9.0	10.7	62.4	42.6	44.1	977.1	705.2	673.3
Cranberry	2/	2/	2/	0.9	1.3	1.2	33.4	37.4	36.2
Small White	1.0	1.8	0.9	2.8	5.3	2.9	2.8	5.3	2.9
Pink	6.0	4.5	4.2	23.6	23.7	5.8	53.1	50.7	18.5
Garbanzo	5.0	5.4	9.5	19.5	19.9	44.1	24.5	58.5	81.6
Great Northern	2/	1.1	1.2	7.5	7.7	8.4	114.2	133.5	128.5
Black Turtle Soup	2.2	3.2	0.9	7.2	8.0	2.0	239.9	186.3	132.7
Navy	2/	2/	2/	1.9	6.3	8.1	255.5	440.3	358.0
Other	0.9	1.0	1.0	3.4	6.2	4.0	136.3	205.8	137.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>153.7</b>	<b>152.5</b>	<b>134.0</b>	<b>2,014.1</b>	<b>2,023.0</b>	<b>1,740.9</b>

1/ Pacific Northwest includes Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. 2/ Estimates not published, combined with "Other" category.

## ALL DRY BEANS, MAJOR STATES AND U.S., 1999-2000, 1/

STATE	Planted Acres		Harvested Acres		Yield		Production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Acres				Pounds		1,000 Cwt.	
California	135.0	115.0	132.0	112.0	1,970	2,000	2,600	2,240
Colorado	155.0	120.0	145.0	110.0	1,900	1,850	2,755	2,035
Idaho	105.0	90.0	103.0	88.0	2,050	2,000	2,112	1,760
Michigan	350.0	320.0	350.0	295.0	2,100	1,700	7,350	5,015
North Dakota	630.0	580.0	570.0	490.0	1,450	1,280	8,265	6,272
<b>Washington</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>704</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>2,023.0</b>	<b>1,740.9</b>	<b>1,877.0</b>	<b>1,580.6</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>33,230</b>	<b>25,764</b>

1/ Excludes beans grown for garden seeds.

## FIELD CROP SUMMARY, AUGUST 1, 2000

CROP	WASHINGTON						PACIFIC NW 1/		UNITED STATES		
	Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production		Production		Production	
	1999	Ind. 2000		1999	Ind. 2000	1999	Ind. 2000	1999	Ind. 2000	1999	Ind. 2000
	Thousand Acres					Thousand		Thousand		Thousand	
All Wheat	2,290	2,400	Bu.	54.2	65.9	124,140	158,180	263,319	315,490	2,203,121	2,148,040
Winter Wheat	1,670	1,800	Bu.	58.0	71.0	96,860	127,800	180,430	233,650	1,699,989	1,594,321
Spring Wheat	620	600	Bu.	44.0	49.0	27,280	30,380	82,889	81,840	503,132	553,719
Barley	490	490	Bu.	59.0	65.0	28,910	31,850	89,615	95,030	281,853	308,020
Corn, Grain	100	95	Bu.	180.0	190.0	19,000	18,050	42,475	NA	9,437,337	10,369,369
Hops	25.08	27.24	Lbs.	1,980	1,950	47,650	53,124	64,456.0	68,288.3	64,456.0	68,288.3
Sugarbeets	27.4	28.3	Tons	30.1	32.6	825	923	6,422	7,017	33,420	34,117
All Hay	740	770	Tons	4.1	4.2	3,059	3,220	11,399	11,644	159,077	153,255
Alfalfa Hay	470	470	Tons	4.9	5.0	2,303	2,350	8,751	8,746	83,924	78,796
Other Hay	270	300	Tons	2.8	2.9	756	870	2,648	2,898	75,153	74,459
Dry Edible Beans	36	32	Cwt.	20.8	22.0	750	704	3,036	2,694	33,230	25,764
Potatoes, Fall	170	175	Cwt.	560	2/	95,200	2/	256,550	2/	429,847	2/

1/ Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

2/ First production forecast November 9, 2000.



## PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

Products	Unit	Washington			United States		
		June 1999	May 2000 *	June 2000	June 1999	May 2000 *	June 2000
		Thousand Pounds					
Butter	Lbs.	12,841	10,973	9,457	94,593	111,245	91,153
American Cheese Types 1/	Lbs.	9,086	11,581	12,281	294,025	326,482	310,593
Mozzarella Cheese	Gal.	3/	3/	3/	212,572	243,510	220,276
Total Cheese 2/	Gal.	10,984	13,118	13,745	669,448	737,066	698,845
Nonfat Dry Milk for Human	Gal.	17,450	16,403	16,321	118,626	137,872	128,541
Dry Whey, Human	Lbs.	5,056	7,432	7,781	92,152	99,914	95,934
Ice Cream (Hard)	Lbs.	2,275	2,057	2,029	90,063	83,094	86,859
Ice Cream, Lowfat (Hard)	Lbs.	3/	3/	3/	9,823	9,172	9,392
Sherbet (Hard)	Lbs.	3/	3/	3/	5,683	5,569	5,316

\* Revised.

1/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

2/ Excludes cottage cheese.

3/ States not shown when fewer than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations could be disclosed.

## FRUIT PRODUCTION, AUGUST 1, 2000

Crop & State	Total Production 1/		
	1998	1999	Ind. 2000
<b>Apples</b>			
	Million Pounds		
California	860.0	825.0	730.0
Michigan	1,000.0	1,210.0	800.0
New York	1,070.0	1,260.0	1,050.0
Pennsylvania	395.0	505.0	480.0
Virginia	280.0	360.0	310.0
<b>Washington</b>	<b>6,600.0</b>	<b>5,000.0</b>	<b>5,800.0</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>11,646.4</b>	<b>10,579.6</b>	<b>10,677.1</b>
<b>Peaches</b>			
	Million Pounds		
California: 2/			
Clingstone	1,045.0	1,059.0	1,120.0
Freestone	681.0	763.0	840.0
<b>Washington</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>2,400.7</b>	<b>2,525.4</b>	<b>2,677.1</b>
<b>Grapes:</b>			
	Tons		
California:			
Wine Types	2,570,000	2,662,000	3,200,000
Table Types	643,000	757,000	800,000
Raisin Types	2,077,000	2,117,000	2,700,000
Michigan	70,400	75,000	79,000
New York	128,000	205,000	168,000
Pennsylvania	54,000	88,000	65,000
<b>Washington, All</b>	<b>222,000</b>	<b>265,000</b>	<b>290,000</b>
Concord/Niagara	152,000	195,000	3/
Wine Types	70,000	70,000	3/
<b>United States</b>	<b>5,819,950</b>	<b>6,230,360</b>	<b>7,360,080</b>
<b>Bartlett Pears</b>			
	Tons		
California	277,000	311,000	280,000
Oregon	65,000	66,000	60,000
<b>Washington</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>502,000</b>	<b>587,000</b>	<b>540,000</b>
<b>Other Pears</b>			
	Tons		
California	30,000	30,000	30,000
Oregon	180,000	160,000	160,000
<b>Washington</b>	<b>230,000</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>240,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>440,000</b>	<b>410,000</b>	<b>430,000</b>
<b>Prunes</b>			
	Tons		
Idaho	4,500	1,800	4,500
Michigan	3,600	4,000	3,200
Oregon	10,500	13,000	10,000
<b>Washington</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,600</b>	<b>23,300</b>	<b>21,700</b>

1/ Includes unharvested production and harvested production not sold. 2/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast. 3/ Estimates will be in the Crop Production report released in January 2001.

### FRUIT

Initial indications have **Washington apple** growers producing 5.8 billion pounds for the 2000 crop. This is up 16% from last year's crop. Washington production accounts for 54% of the U.S. forecast. The Nation's apple production is forecast at 10.7 billion pounds, up 1% from the 1999 crop, but down 8% from 1998. Increased production in most of the Western States more than offset decreases in Central and Eastern States when compared to last year. All Western States except California, are expecting increased production in 2000. Production in the Western States is forecast at 7.06 billion pounds, up 16% from 1999. Production in the Central States is forecast at 1.17 billion pounds, down 28% from 1999.

**Washington's peach** production is forecast at 55.0 million pounds, unchanged from the previous estimate, but up 8% from last year. California Freestone crop is expected to total 840 million pounds, up 10% from 1999. The Clingstone crop, at 1.12 billion pounds, is 6% above last year.

In **Washington, grape** production is forecast at 290,000 tons, up 9% from last year. The increase in production from last year is due mainly to new wine grape acreage coming into production. California's all grape forecast, at 6.70 million tons, increased 21% from 1999. The New York and Pennsylvania forecasts decreased 18% and 26%, respectively from a year ago, while Michigan increased 5% from last year. These five states account for over 99% of the U.S. 2000 production.

**Bartlett pear** production is forecast at 540,000 tons in California, Oregon, and Washington, up 6% from the June 2000 forecast but down 8% from 1999. Washington producers expect to harvest 200,000 tons, a decrease of 5% from 1999. California Bartlett pear production is forecast at 280,000 tons, which was 10% below 1999. Washington's **winter pear** production is forecast at 240,000 tons, up 9% from 1999. Winter pear production in Oregon, at 160,000 tons, is unchanged from 1999. California's crop is expected to equal the crops of the previous two years, at 30,000 tons.

# PRICES

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR FARM PRODUCTS (DOLLARS/UNIT)

COMMODITY	Unit	Entire Month		Prelim. July 2000	Entire Month		Prelim. July 2000	U.S. Parity Price
		July 1999	June 2000		July 1999	June 2000		
		Washington			United States			
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.72	2.44	2.70	2.23	2.50	2.34	9.72
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	2.71	2.41	2.67	2.13	2.43	2.29	-
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	2.76	2.63	2.90	2.93	2.88	2.85	-
Barley	Bu.	1.79	1.64	1.93	2.04	2.07	1.87	5.99
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	1.74	1.91	1.55	6.70
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.08	1.24	1.22	3.40
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	18.50	15.70	15.10	49.60
Potatoes, all	Cwt.	3.55	5.10	4.25	7.51	6.47	7.28	13.60
Potatoes, processing	Cwt.	4.30	4.90	-	5.20	5.42	-	-
All Hay, (baled) 1/	Tons	104.00	111.00	110.00	78.40	82.50	80.20	-
Alfalfa (baled) 1/	Tons	93.00	106.00	104.00	82.00	85.70	84.50	-
Hay, Other (baled) 1/	Tons	143.00	148.00	149.00	65.30	70.90	66.60	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.91
Apples, Fresh 2/	Lbs.	.123	.162	.162	.163	.161	.162	1.48
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	-	-	-	62.60	68.50	68.00	155.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	65.20	71.50	71.00	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	89.20	104.00	106.00	200.00
Milk Cows 3/	Hea	1,310.00	-	1,300.00	1,280.00	-	1,350.00	-
Broilers	Lbs.	-	-	-	.380	.370	.375	-
Eggs, Table 1/	Doz.	.401	.540	.443	.404	.441	.374	1.52
Milk, All Wholesale 4/	Cwt.	13.90	12.60	13.20	13.80	12.20	12.70	31.80
Hogs	Cwt.	-	-	-	31.60	48.60	49.20	103.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	32.00	30.00	-	68.00
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	77.00	89.70	-	164.00

1/ All prices are mid-month estimates.

2/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for WA, OR, NY, and CA, and price at point of the first sale for other states.

3/ Dairy cows sold for dairy herd replacement. Prices estimated quarterly.

4/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

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